GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4207
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2000
URDU SATELLITE CHANNEL
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the languages in which Doordarshan has satellite channels;

(b) whether Doordarshan has any Urdu satellite channels;

(c) if not, whether the Doordarshan would consider starting an Urdu channel; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken for the purpose and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) Prasar Bharati has intimated that Doordarshan has satellite channels in the following languages:

1. Malayalam – DD-4

2. Tamil – DD-5

3. Oriya – DD-6

4. Bengali DD-7

5. Telugu – DD-8
6. Kannada – DD-9

7 Marathi – DD-10

8. Gujarati – DD-11

9. Kashmiri – DD-12
10. Assamese and Languages of North-East – DD-13
11. Punjabi – DD-18

(b) to (d): No Sir. Prasar Bharati has intimated that it is not in a position to start an Urdu Channel due to lack of required resources and infrastructure.